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POLICY (CSTP) MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON INFORMATION,
COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY, APRIL 26/27, 76

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1. SUMMARY THE AD HOC GROUP CHAIRED BY DR GRANGER,
NSF, MET ON APRIL 26/27 TO IDENTIFY PROGRAM PRIORITIES.
THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE JUNE 1976
MEETING OF THE CSTP. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED: AUSTRALIA,
BELGIUM CANADAD FINLAND FRANCE GERMANY IRELAND
SPAIN SWEDEN TURKEY (2ND DAY ONLY) UK US (CHAIRMAN
AND MISSION OFFICER). HIGHEST PRIORITIES COINCIDED
WITH US PREFERENCE, VIZ. PRIVACY OF AND ACCESSIBILITY TO
INFORMATION WITH THE STRONGLY ASSOCIATED PROBLEM OF
TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS; ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE
INFORMATION SECTOR; DETAILED DISTRIBUTION OF PRIORITIES
IS GIVEN BELOW. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP,
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29, WILL DEAL WITH MEMBER-COUNTRY
PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZING THE STRUCTURE AND WORK
METHODS FOR THE OVERALL PROGRAM IN THE INFORMATION,
COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
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TO THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE CSTP. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER INTRODUCTORY BACKGROUND STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT, THE GROUP CONCENTRATED ON IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AMONG THE AREAS NOTED IN SPT(76)7 ANNEX 1. US PRIORITIES WERE IDENTIFIED ACCORDING TO REFTTEL.

3. PRIORITIES WERE GRADED HIGH (H), MEDIUM (M) AND LOW (L) AND THE FINAL LISTING FOR THE SUBJECT AREAS PER STP(76)7 ANNEX I WAS AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES IN H M L ORDER):

I. TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS, PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION (10,1,1);

88. COPYRIGHT ISSUES AND ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY (1,4,7);

888. LONG-RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (2,5,5);

8;. INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF COMPUTER INDUSTRY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (2,2,8);

;. RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD (4,6,2);

;8. GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION POLICY (7,3,2);

;88. POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF NEW INFORMATION CHANNELS (1,2,9);

;888. MACRO-ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES (9,3,0);

8/.A. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SELECTED COMPONENTS OF THE "INFORMATION SECTOR" (7,5,0);

B. INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS OF THE INFORMATION SECTOR (4,2,6);

/. INFORMATION SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS IN PUBLIC INTEREST SECTORS (9,9,9): A. HEALTH; B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS; C. ENVIRONMENT (PHASE OUT);

XI. INFORMATION FOR INDUSTRY (5,3,4);

/88. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT (2,3,6);

4. THE GROUP'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES (AREAS I, AND VIII AND IX.A. COMBINED) CORRESPOND TO US PREFERENCES. SECRETARIAT WILL DRAW UP OUTLINE PROGRAM, BASED LARGELY ON THESE PRIORITIES, FOR COMMENT BY MEMBER-COUNTRIES AND SUBSEQUENT PRESENTATION TO CSTEP AT ITS JUNE 1976 MEETING. CHAIRMAN GRANGER WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING TO THE CSTEP, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM EMBER COUNTRIES UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON APRIL 26/27.

5. THE AD HOC GROUP WILL MEET NEXT ON JUNE 29 TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZING THE IPG/CUG STRUCTURE AND WORK METHODS. OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO

THE CSTP IN OCTOBER FOR AN INTERIM DECISION PENDING THE
RE-WRITING BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL
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